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Newsletter deadline is the 25th of the month prior to the month of issue.

Meeting is 2nd Sunday of each month, at 2 PM Kraemer Memorial Park Backs Community Building, Main Room 201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia (Chapman and Bradford, parking off Bradford)

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# Don't Put On the Virus Blinders: **Your Collection Is Depending On You!**

Janet Lamborn Agdia, Inc

Janet Lamborn has been involved in the plant diagnostic industry for over fourteen years at Agdia, Inc. Starting in Agdia's Testing Services Laboratory, she gained considerable knowledge of the crops received in the lab, including orchids. After several years in Testing Services, Janet moved into the Sales and Marketing department. She works closely with Agdia's customers, including specialty crop groups such as orchid societies, making sure members and hobbyists understand what they should be testing for and the options that are available.

We're going to look closely at each viral pathogen, what it looks like and how it's



about sanitation practices, testing options and what to do with those results.

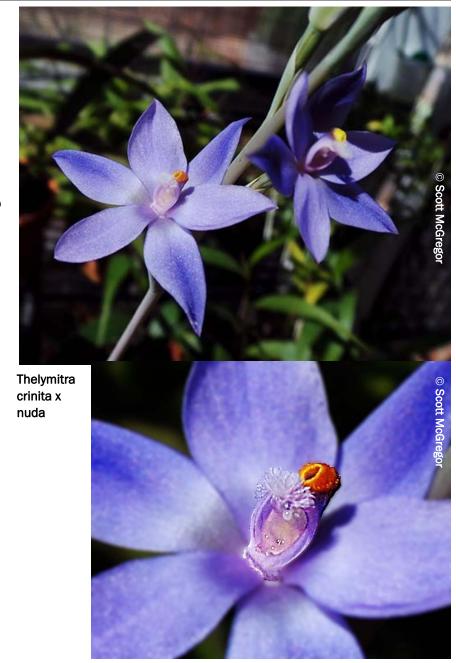


# **Speaker's Choice**

March speaker George Hatfield selected Thelymitra crinita x nuda, grown by Scott McGregor, as his Speaker's Choice. This beautiful, very blue terrestrial primary hybrid is tricky to display, since it is only fully open from about 10 AM to 2 PM, closing in the late afternoon and reopening in the sun the next day. Scott left it in the car, in the bright sunshine, until the last minute to coax it into staying open just a bit longer for the meeting.

Like all of his plants, Scott grows this outside. He uses a mix of perlite, pumice, milled sphagnum, granite chips, sand, and a bit of other organics, but mostly inorganic, light and fast-draining. Once it blooms, it goes dormant and needs to be kept dry until fall. While the blue color is very dramatic, it is lighter than indicated for this plant on the website of the company in Germany from which he obtained the plant. He doesn't know if, perhaps, it would be darker with less light (since the light here is brighter than in Germany) or if that photo is a "Photoshop miracle". He has another plant from the same source. with cultivar name "Deep Blue" that hasn't bloomed yet. Stay tuned!

Both of these species of Thelymitra are native to southern Australia, with a climate very similar to ours—cool and (hopefully) damp winters, hot dry summers.



# From the Member's Corner

Thank you to Alexandra Allen for covering for me for the April meeting, you did a great job. (Will keep that in mind for the next election!!) A big welcome to our guest at the meeting: Lourdes Brown. Thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you again very soon. When the roster was put together this year, I made some errors and omissions, these will be on a separate sheet at the next meeting, so please stop by and pick up the corrections.

Thank you, see you in May.

Edie Gulrich, Membership Secretary

# **President's Message**

Hi everyone,

First of all, I would like to say "welcome back" to Nick. We all missed you and were glad to see you at the last meeting!

I'm sure everyone who grows orchids has wondered at some time if there might be a virus lurking in one of his or her plants. How do you know? What can you do? How can you prevent it from happening? Our speaker this month, Janet Lamborn of Agdia, Inc., will be able to shed some light on the subject. Her topic is "Don't put on the virus blinders, your collection is depending on you." I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there!

There will be a board meeting immediately following the regular meeting.

Darrell Lovell

# **Editor's Potting Bench**

A couple of years ago, I acquired a plant from a society raffle table (not ours) with a tag that said "Paph. yappianum". The lower-case name indicated that it was a species, though I was unfamiliar with it. It was a nice, healthy plant, in bud. As I do whenever I acquire something with which I'm unfamiliar, I do a bit a of research. First stop, Orchidwiz. I found the name, with a reference to the preferred name being "Paph. x yappianum" indicating that it was a natural hybrid, but there was no further information at all. There was nothing on Jay Pfahl's website http://orchdicpecies.com, so I certainly didn't have a species. But what WAS it then? Time for a general Google search. I turned up an article from the Canadian Orhchid Congress website

http://www.canadianorchidcongress.ca/Ingrid/PaphJogjae.html that explained it.

During the Dutch colonial period in Indonesia, there was much enthusiasm for the beautiful Paphiopedilums that grow in that area. There was also considerable hybridizing activity. When Indonesia became independent after World War II, Dutch citizens were expelled. The Netherlands had to accommodate a lot of people in a short time, and most of them had to leave everything behind. Their houses were either burned or left to decay, and gardens neglected to live on their own. Many of these gardens, including their orchids, survived and thrived. Some 40 years later, plant hunters found some of these plants, thought that they were a new species, and named them Paph. yappianum. However, this was actually Paph. Jogjae, the hybrid of Paph. glaucophyllum from Java and Paph. praestans (glanduliferum) from New Gunea, that had been registered by W. van de Venter in 1927. So, not a species, but a hybrid with an interesting history. There are probably many other orchids with similar stories to tell.

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Please mark your calendars and save the date: Saturday, June 13, 2015.

# Orchid Digest Speakers' Day:

Orchid Potpourri

Ahmanson Classroom in the Botanical Center at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

12:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Expert Lectures-Orchid Displays-Orchid Sales-Silent Auction-AOS Judging-Dinner

#### Scheduled Speakers:

Steven Beckendorf—
"Searching for Orchids in Southeastern Peru"

Marc Hachadourian-

"Orchid Species You Should Not Try to Grow!"

Harold Koopowitz and Steven Hampson— "Madagascar: Leaping Lemurs and Orchids"

Peter Lin-

"Trending Phalaenopsis Novelty Hybridizing"

## Distinguished Orchid Digest Lecture:

Carol Woodin, "An Artist on the Orchid Trail"

#### Tickets:

\$65 (\$80 at door) for afternoon seminars, wine and cheese happy hour, dinner and evening entertainment.

#### Reservations available online at www.orchiddigest.org

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There is limited space, so don't wait to buy your ticket.

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In the category of "plants not likely to make it to a meeting" is Dendrobium teretifolium. It isn't totally impossible, it's about 5' long but flexible, but still a challenge. These can be really spectacular when they bloom along the whole length of the plant, but mine tends to bloom in sections. That makes the bloom period last longer, but not as showy. This is a very hardy outdoor-growing species from Australia, with a common name of "Bridal Veil" orchid for its floral display, or "Pencil Orchid" for its terete leaves.



I acquired Vanda barnesii labeled as Vanda javerii. The two species are similar, but from different mountains in the Philippines. V. barnesii was described as a new species in the Orchid Digest shortly after I bloomed the plant for the first time. I find it quite exciting to have a plant that was in the middle of a taxonomic discussion. It isn't going to stay in bloom for the meeting, so I show it here. It comes from a fairly high elevation, and so grows nicely outside.



Vanda barnesii

I do think that those people who make it to the meeting will get a chance to see one of my best plants, Epidendrum lacustre (Panama form). The more common Peruvian form is much lighter in color. This one is dramatic... It got awarded a CHM/AOS when it bloomed last year with heads of flowers on five growths. This year it has seven (but about two weeks later, so is missing a chance to try for more at Whaley Park.) When it got awarded, I had to name it. I think that "Wow Fireworks" describes the impression that it makes. Since the meeting is on Mother's Day, I know that some of you have other obligations and won't get to see this plant. so I share the photos here. It grows outside in very bright light (with the Cymbidiums and Laelia anceps). It needs to be kept rather wet, so I placed it where it gets water from a sprinkler that runs daily.

Roberta Fox, Editor

# Calendar of Events \* See flyer at www.socalorchidspecies.com, select the Events link

## Palomar Orchid Society Annual Auction\*

May 2, 2015: Preview at 10 AM, Auction begins 11:00 AM The Lodge (Pavilion), 1105 La Bonita Dr, Lake San Marcos Info: www.palomarorchid.org

## Casa de Las Orquideas Annual Seedling Sale

May 16, 2015

170 S. Nardo Ave, Solana Beach

Info: casa@orquideas.com or 858-755-7572

## San Gabriel Valley Orchid Hobbyists Annual Auction\*

May 21,2015; Preview at 6 PM, Auction begins 7:00 PM Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia

## Orchid Digest Speakers Day

June 13, 2015

Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens, San Marino Info and ticket purchase: www.orchiddigest.org

## Cal Orchid's Summer Hummer

July 10-11, 2015 (Friday and Saturday) 1251 Orchid Dr., Santa Barbara Info: www.calorchid.com

## Fascination of Orchids International Show and Sale\*

September 26-27, 2015, 10 AM-5 PM

South Coast Plaza Village, 1631 W Sunflower, Santa Ana (Corner of Sunflower and Bear)

Info: www.ocorchidshow.com



Epidendrum lacustre 'Wow Fireworks'

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